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EXPLOITS OF CREW OF GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER RECOUNTED

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[Report by Zhang Hanting [4545 3352 0080] and Lin Tingsong [2651 1656 2646]:
"Youth Sparkles on the High Seas"]

[Text] Youth is the most precious time of human life. How should one spend one's beloved youth! By his actions, everyone provides a different answer.

On the eve of Army Day, we came to a guided missile destroyer, designed and built by our country, on a news-gathering assignment and saw many cadres and fighters in the prime of life spending their happy youth on the crests and troughs of waves in order to defend the motherland.

Captain Li Changming [2621 2490 2494], an intelligent and capable commander of swarthy complexion, has tempered himself on stormy waves for 28 years as a fighter and a cadre. On a long escort mission in the Pacific Ocean, he led the entire ship's crew to unite and work without letup so that they completed the mission in splendid fashion and for which they were collectively cited for meritorious service, second class.

On the ship there are many fighters who, like Li Changming, contribute their youth to the sea. During a combined formation training exercise, engine crew chief Dai Jinkun [2071 6855 0981] contracted a digestive ailment but still continued to work, not leaving his battle station for 12 hours. Storekeeper Qian Yunhua [6929 0061 5478], when rush-repairing a boiler, made his way into a pipe in which the temperature was over 50 degrees centigrade to do a soldering job. The hot and suffocating boiler and the scorching pipe toasted the hair on his head but he persevered in his soldering for 7 hours and finally made the repair. During a voyage, radar-sonar chief Meng Xiangfu [1322 4382 4395], despite danger to himself, repaired an oil pipe connection. Antiaircraft gun crew chief Li Shuiming [2621 3055 2494] led his crew, while the warship was on a voyage, to diligently aim the crew's guns at flying birds in order to try to find out the patterns of hitting moving targets.... In this way these men provided their respective answers to the question of how to spend one's youth.

Not long ago, the warship conducted guided missile firing in which, from loading, adjusting and firing, it achieved the desired results. It is precisely these beloved fighters who display absolute sincerity in loyalty to the party and to the

motherland, who use their intelligence and strength to build an unbreakable "great wall" for the motherland's naval defense. Their youth sparkles on the high seas.

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Radar-sonar chief Meng Xiangfu leads fighters in carefully safeguarding the radar antenna.
2. Antiaircraft gun crew chief Li Shuiming leads his crew in continued training while carrying out a mission, for which he was cited for meritorious service, third class.
3. Radar crew chief Hu Jigui [5170 4949 6311], who has been cited for meritorious service, third class, conscientiously tracks a target.
4. Radio crew chief Zhuang Yifeng [8369 0076 1496] while on a long voyage led his crew in sending and receiving 10,000 messages without error, for which he was cited for meritorious service, third class.
5. Engine crew chief Dai Jinkun (left) and a fighter inspect a pipeline.
6. Storekeeper Qian Yunhua, who has received a merit citation, third class, carefully solders a pipe.

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JINAN AIRMEN IMPROVE FLIGHT TRAINING

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[Report by Wang Hongen [3769 3163 1869], Liu Wei [0491 3555] and Wu Shouzhung [0702 1108 8369]: "Fighting Eagles Soar in the Blue Sky"]

[Text] From the airfield, one by one the fighting eagles, like arrows released from a bowstring, thrust straight up into the blue sky. This was a difficult tactical training exercise carried out by a certain attack plane unit of the Jinan Air Force.

Last year in every test, this unit obtained the best results since it was formed and set its highest record in total flying time. After the new annual training began, the officers and men gave themselves a new topic: How to keep on "climbing slopes" and set new standards in flying? They conscientiously analyzed the weak links in past training, and concluded that in the past the tactical background provided had been insufficiently complex and that in diving attacks the method of making several dives had been adopted. Although good results were obtained by training in this manner, it was still far removed from the demands of actual combat. In order to train so as to have a perfect mastery of combat skills, they decided to change the former training method by training in hitting the target with the first round on the first dive.

The key to hitting the target with the first round on the first dive are the two links of selecting the diving angle and of grasping the opportune moment to begin firing. In order to solve the difficult problem posed by these two links, deputy group commander Sun Zhongyuan [1327 1813 0337] looked over relevant written materials and linked them to his own flying practice, and wrote down many of his experiences. He also made a light-ring model on which he drew small targets. Using bits of time, he repeatedly practiced--training, experimenting, and calculating--and finally found the ideal data for selecting the correct diving angle and the opportune moment to open fire. At a military training competition organized by the division, he took first place in rocket firing.

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Squadron leader Peng Gongyang [1756 0501 7122] (right) and pilot Yue Jiancong [1971 0494 0654] study a roll of film and exchange firing experiences.

2. Deputy group commander Deng Huifu [6772 1920 3940] (right) zealously helps a pilot to select the diving angle for attack.
3. Four aircraft fly in formation to the target zone.
4. Another flying day begins.

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GUIDED MISSILE BATTALION CARRIES OUT TRAINING

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[Article by Zhang Jucheng [1728 1565 2052] et al.: "We Are Constantly Ready"]

[Text] "We are constantly ready" and "will strike at wherever the party points to!" is the solemn pledge heard at the training ground of the 4th Battalion of an unidentified unit [bu] of a guided missile unit.

Recently, the 4th Battalion received orders to undergo training. The testing detachment [fendui] had to check out the closely packed circuits and intricate precision instruments inside the missile fuselage, which required a fairly high level of scientific and technical know-how. At the beginning of the year, because some key technicians had been transferred out for training, the training of new technicians [hao shou [5714 2087]] ran into difficulties. The detachment's chief technician Chen Xiang [7115 3276] confronted the problem and took the initiative to act as an instructor. He purchased such scientific and technical books as "Lessons on Transistors" and "Electrical Engineering," studied diligently and wrote over 130 pages of lesson plans. After the new technicians attended more than 50 hours of classes, they achieved marked improvement in their knowledge of basic theories and specialized fields, which enabled the test work to be carried out successfully.

The launching detachment [fendui] is in charge of numerous specialized tasks and each technician not only has to be proficient in his own work but also has to know other specialized work as well. They have to be expert in one thing and good in many. In order to meet this requirement, they launched activities to work with fuel, electrical and air lines. The cadres and fighters studied hard and quickly mastered the skill of drawing charts of the "three lines" from memory. They also can skillfully handle the work of actual assembling operations. Controller Wang Mingchao [3769 2494 2600] is a typical example. He joined the unit over a year ago, and through rigorous training, is not only able to use the instruments and recite from memory their code names, proper positionings and prescribed values, but also able to perform the operations accurately and swiftly. As a result, the training task was successfully carried out.

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Chief technician Chen Xiang [7115 3276] (left) and technician Wang Chunxi [3769 2504 0823], standing fast at their post, check out the missile fuselage's air bottle ripple [connection].
2. Carefully checking out the guided missile to make sure it is in good combat condition.
3. Number 7 technician Han Yunliang [7281 6663 5323] carefully checks out the guided missile for air leaks.
4. Cadres engage themselves in work to attain high quality.
5. Controller Wang Mingchao [3769 2494 2600] conducts vertical tests.
6. The instrumentation squad is conscientiously doing its work to effectively prepare for the launching.
7. Moving on to a new position.

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GUANGXI BORDER TROOPS REPULSE VIETNAMESE ATTACKS ON FAKASHAN

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[Report from the China-Vietnam border front by Wu Shibin [0702 0013 2430] and Zhao Keming [6392 0668 6900]: "Heroic Fakashan Stands Towering Like a Giant"]

[Text] "The great motherland is not to be bullied, its territory is sacred and inviolable"--this is the pledge taken by the border defense fighters holding their ground at Fakashan in Ningming County, Guangxi. Since 5 May this year, the Vietnamese intruders have fired over 10,000 artillery rounds at our Fakashan area and, under cover of artillery and tank fire, have launched attacks in turn by military forces, ranging in size from company to battalion to regiment, on our position. Our border defense fighters have risen up to counterattack and the intruding Vietnamese soldiers have been duly punished. The position at Fakashan has been held steadfastly.

On 5 May, when the Vietnamese army mounted a fierce intrusion against us, the cadres and fighters defending here, driven beyond the limits of their forbearance, rose up and counterattacked. Deputy company commander Huang Zhaorong [7806 0340 2837] and platoon leader Zhou Kunsheng [0719 0981 516B] led the fighters of the 1st Platoon in fiercely beating back the enemy soldiers charging at their front. Deputy squad leader Li Huaijing [2621 2037 3878] singlehandedly thrust himself into the enemy position and, fiercely firing his submachinegun to the right and left, covered his comrades-in-arms as they completely annihilated the remnants of the enemy forces. Ni Shengdin [0242 516B 7307], leader of the 2d Squad, although deafened by the enemy's artillery fire, still resolutely directed the counterattack by the fighters of his squad, which repulsed several enemy attacks. The 5th Company held fast to its position for 7 days and nights. On 10 May alone, it routed three attacks by a strong company and did not let the enemy advance one step. The company has received a merit citation, first class.

The intruding Vietnamese army, like a beaten, infuriated gambler, before dawn on 16 May launched five successive attacks in regimental strength on Fakashan. One company commander at our position was wounded. At this critical juncture, Liang Tianhui [4731 1131 1920], the commander of another company, stood up and led the cadres and fighters of his company in a rush to the firing line, where he formed a fighting collective with the fraternal unit. With the fire support of our artillery detachment, they fought a fierce battle with the intruding Vietnamese

soldiers for 2 hours, during which they routed one enemy attack after another and firmly held their position. In front of our position, the aggressors left behind over 150 corpses.

The idea that the motherland is above everything else shines brilliantly among our border defense fighters. In the face of their victory, they are highly vigilant and are prepared at any time to smash intrusions by the Vietnamese aggressors.

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. On 10 May, the officers and men of the 4th Company of a certain unit of the Guangxi border defense units beat back several attacks by the Vietnamese army and stood fast at Fakashan.
2. Since the beginning of this year, the Vietnamese army has made many incursions into our Fakashan area, firing rifles and cannons, destroying our villages, and killing the inhabitants of our border area. These are houses of our border inhabitants destroyed by artillery fire, and cattle killed by the Vietnamese army.
3. During the 5 May battle, deputy company commander Huang Zhaorong (right) directed his forces flexibly and decisively, for which he received a merit citation, first class.
4. Mu Jinhua [5459 6855 5478], a fighter of a sapper platoon, bravely and resourcefully removed 51 land mines, thereby opening a passage for our counterattacking forces, for which he received a merit citation, first class.
5. On 16 May, our artillery detachment with fierce fire dealt relentless blows to the Vietnamese aggressors intruding into Fakashan.
6. A certain unit of the Guangxi border defense unit invited heroes of the counterattack battle of Fakashan to deliver reports. On the rostrum from the right: single-handed hero and fighter Yuan Huangso [5913 3562 7559], recipient of a merit citation, first class; deputy squad leader Li Huaijing, recipient of a merit citation, second class; and political instructor Deng Mingzhi [6772 2594 1807].
7. A fighter of the 4th Company during a lull in the battle writes in his diary, recording the new crimes of the enemy and expressing his steel-like determination.
8. Fighter of the mess squad preparing food at Fakashan to insure that their comrades-in-arms at the forward position have plenty of good food to eat.

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YUNNAN BORDER TROOPS WIPE OUT VIETNAMESE INTRUDERS AT KOULIN

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[Report from the China-Vietnam border front by Zheng Jian [5774 0256] and Bing Xin [0393 2450]: "Koulin Relentlessly Annihilates Intruders"]

[Text] During the battle of defensive counterattack against the intruding Vietnamese army at the Koulin area of Malipo County in Yunnan, the border defense units fought a fine battle of annihilation.

On the morning of 7 May, a company of the Vietnamese army intruded into our Koulin area and frenziedly plundered and destroyed, actions which aroused the furious indignation of our border defense fighters. When attacking enemy-occupied Hill No 15, artillery squad leader Zhang Yuehai [1728 6460 3189] grabbed a submachinegun from a comrade-in-arms and, charging while firing, was the first to fight his way up the hill. Platoon leader Luo Zhiqiang [5012 1807 1730] led a combat team to go around the enemy firing point and swiftly and suddenly rush up to a commanding height in the enemy's rear, from where it engaged the enemy at close quarters.

"For the honor of the motherland"--this was the lofty belief of the warriors of Koulin during the battle and was also the source of the strength of the officers and men in vanquishing the enemy. New fighter Luo Dongcheng [5012 2639 2052], just turned 17, inserted himself alone into the rear of the enemy position and was immediately surrounded by three Vietnamese soldiers. Without the slightest trace of fear, he met the enemy attack calmly and, agilely and cleverly making use of terrain features, shot dead the three enemy soldiers. Deputy company commander Wang Guangjun [3769 0342 0193], in the battle in which the Vietnamese soldiers occupying a certain hill of ours were attacked, was approaching the enemy's forward position when a land mine exploded. Turning, he pushed fighter Su Fachen [5685 4092 3791], who was behind him, down to the ground and protected the comrade-in-arms with his own body. When he charged the position he clutched his submachinegun and threw hand grenades and fired the gun in alternation, firing at point-blank range on the first charge. The fighters, following the route opened up by deputy company commander Wang, with one vigorous effort charged up the hill. In the 1979 war of self-defensive counterattack against Vietnam, Wang had taken captive six enemy soldiers, for which he received a merit citation, second class. He has now again distinguished himself in action.

With the support of people of all nationalities in the border region, the fighters have obtained one victory after another. In this battle the aggressor received due punishment: over 100 corpses of Vietnamese soldiers were left behind on our side of the border, and a batch of the Vietnamese army's weapons and equipment were captured by our army.

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. On 7 May, in the battle of counterattack in the Koulin area of Malipo County, our border defense fighters swiftly leap forward.
2. People of all nationalities in the Koulin area transport goods and materials to a border defense company.
3. On the morning of 7 May, our artillery detachment bombards the intruding Vietnamese soldiers.
4. Officers and men of the 1st Company day and night hold fast to their position on Koulin Mountain.
5. Fighter Wu Liangbao [0702 5328 0202], who singlehandedly circled around the enemy's rear and shot dead four enemy soldiers and blew up an enemy firing point, for which he received a merit citation, first class.
6. Border defense unit of the Koulin area search for dead enemy troops on the ground it recaptured.

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